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Report of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council at its 2018 session

Summary

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is presently in its third year of implementation. There has been progress in many areas, such as the widespread adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals into national development plans and strategies and the creation of coordinating structures and mechanisms for implementation. Many countries are working to ensure coherence among actions to implement the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, as well as other internationally agreed instruments. Disaggregated data and statistics are gaining ground, supporting better policymaking towards reaching those furthest behind. The momentum around the 2030 Agenda remains strong. It will be critical to further increase the commitments in working towards the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly, when the forum will meet under its auspices.

Despite positive trends, major disparities in achievements exist, both within and between countries. The least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States continue to lag on almost all targets. Middle-income countries, for their part, face their own challenges of large groups of people being excluded from ensuring better lives for their families.

Moreover, lowered projections for sustainable economic growth and persistent patterns of inequality are cause for concern and require coordinated global action to address the root causes of difficult challenges. Wealth continues to be highly unevenly distributed, and decisions by a small group of individuals could do much to effect positive global change. The speed at which transformative actions are adopted will be critical for determining positive future progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals and ensure sufficient deployment of solutions to disrupt unsustainable patterns and practices.

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Poverty and hunger, especially in rural areas, persist. There is a global deficit of social protection, especially towards vulnerable groups; access to water and sanitation services is lacking; and forest areas are decreasing while land degradation is threatening the livelihoods of millions. The increased occurrence of climate change-related disasters increases competition for natural resources, and the rising number of violent conflicts is driving food insecurity. Both developed and developing countries state that, with growing migratory flows, the capacity to address the specific needs of migrants are under strain everywhere. Certain populations remain at high risk of being left behind, including women and girls, children and youth, indigenous peoples, and people with disabilities. Extreme poverty is more prevalent among women, the current decline in maternal mortality is too slow, and access to health services is lagging.

Women and girls are also disproportionally affected by disasters and conflict, especially when living in poverty. Many are still deprived of their basic rights; in addition, indigenous peoples disproportionately suffer from a lack of recognition of their rights in some countries. The application of the principle of leaving no one behind could have a positive effect when efforts are made to ensure that those at risk not only receive benefits but also participate in and contribute to the process of sustainable development.

The increased recognition of the important role of disaggregated data in policymaking aiming to reach those furthest behind is a positive trend. However, greater commitment to developing official statistics and data is required. Effective monitoring systems need to be developed to more effectively measure progress, building on the ongoing data revolution. The absence of technology and infrastructure in rural areas presents a challenge, and statistics on inequalities and discrimination are often missing, including between countries. Gender-based violence is difficult to measure. By assessing the capacity of national statistical offices, focusing on methodology and maintaining confidentiality, inequalities within the socioeconomic context of a country and in relation to other forms of inequality can be measured and examined.

Building resilience requires extensive coordination and planning across various sectors. Actions to achieve resilience can be divided into three areas: reducing current and known risks; controlling future risks; and managing disasters or shocks as they occur. Drivers and underlying causes of disaster risk need to be addressed comprehensively and systematically, taking into account not only the impact on one sector but also the cascading impacts on other sectors. Resilience is critical for every aspect of the Sustainable Development Goals and can be considered an indicator of the overall health of societies in times of rising conflict, political instability and climate change.

Measures for temporary or partial debt forgiveness have helped countries to recover from shocks and can help to direct investment to the most fragile sectors in order to prepare for future shocks. Economic trade and social policies should focus on workers and populations rather than on specific jobs or sectors. It is critical to strengthen social protection systems, as they mitigate the effects of shocks, especially for the most vulnerable. A systems-thinking approach and a long-term perspective to build resilience at all levels requires investment in human capacity, understanding current and future population trends, timely and targeted investment in the capacities of the youth, adopting a proactive approach and investing in early warning systems. Other critical elements relate to the role of science and technology in strengthening resilience, the need for partnerships across borders, and regional cooperation to share experiences in resilience building on a continuous basis.

Leaving no one behind should not be rhetoric; it must be accompanied by concrete action plans. Some social groups are left further behind as a result of exclusive policies, and that must be changed. A broad set of integrated policies for social protection, combined with economic and fiscal policies conducive to reducing poverty and inequality, is necessary to leave no one behind. A whole-of-society approach needs to be taken by involving all stakeholders, particularly those who are left behind, not only as beneficiaries but also as agents of change.

The forum included reporting by the Chairs of the regional forums on sustainable development on the outcomes of their respective regional forums, underscoring the importance of the regional dimension, which provides both a critical nexus between the national and global levels and an important opportunity to share best practices and facilitate peer learning. The forums had addressed a variety of topics. Resilience building was considered a prerequisite for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific. In Africa, resilient structural transformation, in line with the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063, requires integrated national frameworks that also incorporate inclusion, protection against climate change and disaster risk reduction. The Arab Forum focused on natural resources, future generations and the common good and underscored the need for greater cooperation for sustainable management, highlighting, among other issues, economic diversification; resilient and sustainable cities; financing inclusive and sustainable development; the role of civil society; gender equality and women's empowerment; and engaging young people. In Latin America and the Caribbean, citizens' participation was stressed, putting people as the centre of actions. Challenges to achieving sustainable development in the region included poverty, inequality, high external debt and the reduction of levels of international cooperation.

The 46 voluntary national reviews carried out at the high-level political forum on sustainable development took stock of national actions, achievements and challenges, and identified next steps in implementing the 2030 Agenda. Many countries reported that the Sustainable Development Goals had support at the highest levels of governance and across the national political spectrum. All countries provided detailed accounts of steps taken to integrate the 2030 Agenda into their national policy frameworks. Many stated that arrangements such as interministerial committees on the Goals currently provided coordination and leadership, sometimes drawing on stakeholders from outside government. Domestic implementation is often based on a whole-of-government approach and partnerships, while a whole-of-society approach fosters stakeholder engagement and raises awareness on actions for implementation. Technical bodies support high-level institutions and committees, and national statistical offices are members of the coordinating institutions or provide them with technical support. To promote ownership within government, some countries have appointed focal points for the Sustainable Development Goals in line ministries and established related units to ensure effective coordination across departments and agencies. Institutions established and adapted at the municipal level provide evidence that implementation is also taking place subnationally. At the same time, there are continuing challenges, including the complexity of taking integrated approaches, the need to broadly communicate the Sustainable Development Goals and the means of implementation. Voluntary national reviews were found by reporting countries to be a useful process.

I. Introduction

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 67/290, decided that the meetings of the high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council would be convened annually by the President of the Council for a period of eight days, including a three-day ministerial segment. Pursuant to paragraph 11 (c) of the annex to Assembly resolution 68/1, the three-day ministerial meeting is to be held during the high-level segment of the Council.

2. The Council, in its decision 2018/204, decided that the forum would be held from 9 to 13 July 2018 and the high-level segment of its 2018 session from 16 to 19 July, including the three-day ministerial meeting of the forum from 16 to 18 July.

3. In its resolution 70/299, the General Assembly decided that the theme of the 2018 session of the forum would be "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies" and that the forum, without prejudice to the integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the Sustainable Development Goals and with a view to facilitating an in-depth review of progress made on all Goals over the course of a four-year cycle, would review Goals 6, 7, 11, 12 and 15 in depth, in addition to its annual review of Goal 17.

4. The present report reflects the proceedings of the forum convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council at its 2018 session.

II. Proceedings of and action taken at the forum

5. From 9 to 18 July 2018, the forum held 26 meetings, composed of opening, wrap-up and closing segments, discussions on the review of Sustainable Development Goals 6, 7, 11, 12, 15 and 17, and thematic review panel discussions, as well as 46 voluntary national reviews. At its 16th meeting, on 16 July, the forum viewed a film, *Made in Forests*, which was introduced by the United Nations Development Programme Goodwill Ambassador and actress Michelle Yeoh. The forum also held a general debate on its theme within the framework of its three-day ministerial meeting during the high-level segment of the Council (see para. 187 below).

6. A total of 240 side events, 15 sustainable development learning courses and 7 special events, as well as other related activities, were held on the margins of the formal meetings of the forum and were sponsored by a diverse group of stakeholders, including Governments; agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system; international and intergovernmental organizations; and major groups and other relevant stakeholders.[1] Information on the events is available on the website of the forum (https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2018).

Opening of the forum

7. At the 1st meeting, on 9 July, the President of the Economic and Social Council, Marie Chatardová (Czechia), declared open the high-level political forum on

[1] The major groups, as defined in Agenda 21: Programme of Action for Sustainable Development, are: women; children and youth; indigenous peoples; non-governmental organizations; local authorities; workers and trade unions; business and industry; the scientific and technological community; and farmers. In addition, the General Assembly, in its resolution 67/290, recognized the role of other stakeholders, such as private philanthropic organizations, educational and academic entities, persons with disabilities, volunteer groups and other stakeholders active in areas related to sustainable development.

sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Council at its 2018 session and made opening remarks.

8. At the same meeting, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Liu Zhenmin, made a statement and introduced the report of the Secretary-General on progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (E/2018/64).

9. Also at the same meeting, keynote addresses were made by the Director of the Center for Sustainable Development and professor at Columbia University, Jeffrey D. Sachs; the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Disability and Accessibility, María Soledad Cisternas Reyes; and the co-founder of the online magazine Worldchanging, Alex Steffen.

Wrap-up session of the first week and conclusion of the forum

10. At the 15th meeting, on 13 July, concluding the first week of the high-level political forum, an interactive discussion on the topic "Leaving no one behind: are we succeeding?" was chaired by the President of the Council and moderated by the Executive Vice-President and Managing Director of the World Resources Institute, Manish Bapna, who both made statements.

11. At the same meeting, the Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights addressed the forum, followed by presentations by the rapporteurs of thematic clusters 1 and 2: the Deputy Director of the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support of the United Nations Development Programme, Douglas Keh; Director at the Ministry of Economy and Finance of Senegal, Mahi Amadou Deme; Deputy Director General at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland, Riitta Oksanen; and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Alicia Bárcena; and the following lead discussants: Vice-Chair of the Committee for Development Policy and professor of International Affairs at The New School, Sakiko Fukuda-Parr; the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, Victoria Tauli Corpuz; the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales, Sophie Howe; and Strategic Adviser at Gray Panthers (representing the other stakeholders group for ageing), Sylvia Beales.

12. An interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Chile, Belgium, Mauritania, Switzerland, Estonia and Sierra Leone, the Special Envoy on Disability and Accessibility, and the representatives of the major groups for business and industry and women and of the other stakeholders groups for Together 2030, education and academia, and persons with disabilities.

13. At the same meeting, the President of the Council presented her observations and highlighted trends that had emerged from the meetings during the forum's first week (9–13 July).

14. Also at the 15th meeting, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made a statement.

15. At the 24th meeting, on 18 July, at the conclusion of the forum, a keynote address was made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

16. At the same meeting, the President of the Council made a statement and declared closed the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Council at its 2018 session.

Action on the draft ministerial declaration

17. At its 24th meeting, on 18 July, the forum had before it the draft ministerial declaration of the 2018 high-level political forum on sustainable development,

convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, on the theme "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies" (E/2018/L.20-E/HLPF/2018/L.2).

18. At the same meeting, the President of the Council informed the forum that the draft ministerial declaration contained no programme budget implications.

19. Also at the same meeting, the President of the Council drew the attention of the forum to the proposed amendments to the draft ministerial declaration submitted by the United States (E/HLPF/2018/L.3).

20. Also at the 24th meeting, the representative of the United States made a statement on a point of order to which the President responded.

Action on the amendment contained in paragraph 1 of document E/HLPF/2018/L.3

21. At the 24th meeting, on 18 July, the representative of the United States made a statement.

22. At the same meeting, the forum rejected the amendment by a recorded vote of 107 to 50, with 3 abstentions. The voting was as follows:[2]

In favour:

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Against:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Abstaining:

Norway, Republic of Moldova, Seychelles.

[2] The delegation of Malta subsequently indicated that it had intended to vote in favour.

Action on the amendment contained in paragraph 2 of document E/HLPF/2018/L.3

23. At the 24th meeting, on 18 July, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

24. At the same meeting, the forum rejected the amendment by a recorded vote of 155 to 2, with 3 abstentions. The voting was as follows:[3]

In favour:

Israel, United States of America.

Against:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Abstaining:

Japan, Niger, Republic of Korea.

Action on the draft ministerial declaration contained in document E/HLPF/2018/L.2

25. At the 24th meeting, a statement was made by the representative of Israel.

26. At the same meeting, the forum decided to retain operative paragraph 12 by a recorded vote of 109 to 5, with 45 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa

[3] The delegation of Malta subsequently indicated that it had intended to vote against.

Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guinea, Guyana, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Australia, Canada, Honduras, Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Croatia, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Guatemala, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

27. Also at the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of Canada, also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cabo Verde, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kiribati, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Montenegro, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Samoa, San Marino, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia,, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, the United States and Uruguay.

28. Also at the 24th meeting, the forum decided to retain operative paragraph 16 by a recorded vote of 133 to 11, with 10 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico,

Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Viet Nam, Zambia.

Against:

Belarus, Burundi, Guyana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Nicaragua, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, United Arab Emirates, Yemen.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Bahrain, China, Egypt, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Zimbabwe.

29. At the same meeting, before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of the United States and a statement in explanation of vote was made by the representative of Turkey.

30. Also at the same meeting, the forum adopted the ministerial declaration by a recorded vote of 164 to 2. The voting was as follows:[4]

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala. Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, State of Palestine, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United

[4] The delegation of the United Arab Emirates subsequently indicated that it had intended to vote in favour.

Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining:

None.

31. After the vote, statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Egypt (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Israel, the United States, China, the Russian Federation, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Morocco, Azerbaijan and the Holy See.

Adoption of the draft report

32. At its 24th meeting, the forum adopted its draft report (E/HLPF/2018/L.1) under agenda item 4 (Adoption of the report) and agreed to entrust the President of the Council with finalizing the report to reflect the proceedings of the forum.

III. Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies

33. The proceedings of the forum under agenda item 2, "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies", are set out below.

Interactive discussions on implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals for resilient societies

34. At its 2nd meeting, on 9 July, the forum held interactive discussions on implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for resilient societies, chaired by the President of the Council and moderated by the Executive Director of Data2X, Emily Pryor, who both made statements.

Panel I

35. During the discussion in panel I, on reviewing progress in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, presentations were made by the following panellists: the Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director for Intergovernmental Support and Strategic Partnerships Bureau of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, Åsa Regnér; the Director General of the Central Statistics Office of Ireland, Pádraig Dalton; and the Acting Director General of the National Development Planning Commission of Ghana, Grace Bediako; as well as by the lead discussant, the Secretary-General of FIAN International (representing the non-governmental organizations major group), Sofia Monsalve Suárez.

36. An interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Switzerland, Italy, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Chile, the European Union, the observer for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and the representatives of the major groups for children and youth and indigenous peoples and of the other stakeholders group for persons with disabilities.

Panel II

37. During the discussion in panel II, on better data for sustainable development, presentations were made by the following panellists: the Chair of the Statistical Commission and Chief Statistician of the National Bureau of Statistics of Kenya,

Zachary Mwangi Chege; the Chief Statistician of the United States, Nancy Potok; and the Managing Director and co-founder of Open Data Watch, Shaida Badiee; as well as by the lead discussant, the Deputy Director General of the Statistical Institute of Jamaica, Leesha Delatie-Budair.

38. An interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Kenya, Denmark, Italy, South Africa, Switzerland, Bahrain and El Salvador and of the major group for non-governmental organizations.

Reporting by the ministerial chairs of the regional forums on sustainable development

39. At its 18th (A) meeting, held in parallel to its 18th (B) meeting, on 16 July, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council Jerry Matthews Matjila (South Africa), the forum heard the reports by the ministerial chairs on the outcomes of the regional forums on sustainable development.

40. Presentations were made by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Health of Lebanon, Ghassan Hasbani, on the regional forum convened by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia; the Minister of Foreign Trade and Foreign Investment of Cuba, Rodrigo Malmierca Díaz, on the regional forum convened by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; the Minister of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia, Levan Davitashvili, on the regional forum convened by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Senegal, Mame Thierno Dieng, on the regional forum convened by the Economic Commission for Africa; and the Special Envoy for Global Sustainable Development of Switzerland, Michael Gerber, on the regional forum convened by the Economic Commission for Europe.

Statement by the President of the United Nations Environment Assembly

41. The President of the United Nations Environment Assembly, Siim Kiisler (Estonia), addressed the forum.

A. Review of Sustainable Development Goals 6, 7, 11, 12, 15 and 17

42. At its 3rd, 6th, 9th and 12th to 14th meetings, from 9 to 13 July 2018, the forum considered sub-item (a), Review of Sustainable Development Goals 6, 7, 11, 12, 15 and 17, of agenda item 2.

Review of implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 6

43. At its 3rd meeting, on 9 July, the forum held a review of the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 6 (Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all), chaired by the Vice-President of the Council Mahmadamin Mahmadaminov (Tajikistan) and moderated by the Vice-Chair of UN-Water, Joakim Harlin, who both made statements.

44. Presentations were made by the representatives of the Statistics Division, on the statistical data related to Sustainable Development Goal 6, the World Water Assessment Programme and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

45. The keynote speaker, Mina Guli, a water advocate and ultrarunner, addressed the forum.

46. Presentations were also made by the following panellists: the Chair of the Global High-level Panel on Water and Peace and former President of Slovenia, Danilo Türk; the Commissioner for Water Resources Planning and Regulation at the Ministry of Water and Environment of Uganda, Callist Tindimugaya; the Director General of the International Water Management Institute, Claudia Sadoff; and the Vice-Minister for Strategic Development of Natural Resources of the Ministry of Environment of Peru, Lucía Ruiz; as well as by the following lead discussants: Head of Division and Acting Deputy Director General at the Ministry of Environment of Germany, Thomas Stratenwerth; the Chief Executive Officer of Water and Sanitation for the Urban Poor, Neil Jeffery; the Country Director of WaterAid in Mozambique (representing the non-governmental organizations major group), Florencio Marerua; and the Director of the National Water Agency of Brazil, Ney Maranhão.

47. An interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Algeria, the European Union, Sweden, Mexico, Kenya, Finland, Indonesia, the State of Palestine, Rwanda, France, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Austria, El Salvador, Israel, Romania, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Kuwait, the Republic of Korea, Estonia and South Africa, the observer for the International Union for Conservation of Nature, the representatives of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the Special Rapporteur on the human rights to safe drinking water and sanitation and the representatives of the major groups for women and workers and trade unions.

Review of implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 7

48. At its 6th meeting, on 10 July, the forum held a review of the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 7 (Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all), chaired by the President of the Council and moderated by the Director General of the International Renewable Energy Agency, Adnan Amin, who both made statements.

49. The representative of the Statistics Division made a presentation on the statistical data related to Sustainable Development Goal 7.

50. Statements were made by the following panellists: the Minister of Energy of Thailand, Siri Jirapongphan; the Chief Executive Officer of the European Climate Foundation, Laurence Tubiana; the Executive Director of ENERGIA in Zambia, Sheila Oparaocha; and Senior Director and Head of the Energy and Extractive Industries Global Practice at the World Bank Group, Riccardo Puliti; as well as by the following lead discussants: the Policy Director of Energy and Climate Change at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway and co-facilitator of the Technical Advisory Group on Sustainable Development Goal 7, Hans Olav Ibrekk; the President of the State Grid Corporation of China Representative Office in the United States and Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization United States representative a.i., Mengrong Cheng; and the representative of Tebtebba (representing the indigenous peoples major group), Joan Carling.

51. An interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Bangladesh (on behalf of the Group of Least Developed Countries), Kenya, Israel, Algeria, Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Sweden, Ireland, Guatemala, Saudi Arabia, Denmark, Togo, Senegal, Austria, Indonesia, Morocco, the Republic of Korea, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cameroon, the European Union, Jamaica, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the major groups for children and youth, workers and trade unions and women.

52. At the same meeting, a statement on a point of order was made by the representative of Algeria, to which the President of the Council responded.

Review of implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 11

53. At its 9th meeting, on 11 July, the forum held a review of the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 11 (Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable), chaired by the Vice-President of the Council Marc Pecsteen de Buytswerve (Belgium) and moderated by a professor of Professional Practice in International and Public Affairs at Columbia University, Rohit Aggarwala, who both made statements.

54. The representative of the Statistics Division made a presentation on the statistical data related to Sustainable Development Goal 11.

55. The Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context, Leilani Farha, also made a presentation.

56. Statements were made by the following panellists: the Commissioner for International Affairs in the New York City Mayor's Office, Penny Abeywardena; the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Road Safety, Jean Todt; the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, Maimunah Mohd Sharif; and the Project Manager of Smart Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and member of the Global Council on Sustainable Development Goal 11, Meera al Shaikh; as well as by the following lead discussants: the Mayor of Genk, Belgium, and President of the Flemish Association of Local Councils of Belgium, Wim Dries; and the Coordinator for Gender and Climate Change at the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (representing the women major group), Shaila Shahid.

57. An interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of India, Mexico, Thailand, Austria, Brazil, Turkey, Guatemala, Kenya, Israel, South Africa, the Netherlands, Sierra Leone, Switzerland, Romania, the Russian Federation, Bahrain, Norway, Estonia, Algeria, Indonesia, Czechia, the European Union, Morocco, Finland, Jamaica, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the State of Palestine and Mauritania, the observer for the International Union for Conservation of Nature, the representatives of the International Telecommunication Union, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (also on behalf of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Food Programme), the United Nations Environment Programme, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the major groups for the scientific and technological community, children and youth, indigenous peoples and workers and trade unions, and the other stakeholders groups for volunteers and persons with disabilities.

Review of implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 12

58. At its 12th meeting, on 12 July, the forum held a review of the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 12 (Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns), chaired by the Vice-President of the Council Inga Rhonda King (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines) and moderated by the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development and the Secretary-General's Senior Adviser on Economic Development and Finance, who both made statements.

59. The representative of the Statistics Division made a presentation on the statistical data related to Sustainable Development Goal 12.

60. The Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean, Peter Thomson, delivered a keynote address.

61. Statements were made by the following panellists: the Director of Forestry and Conservation of Water Resources at the Ministry of National Development Planning of Indonesia, Nur Rahayu; the Chair of the Sustainable Development Committee in the Parliament of Austria, Petra Bayr; the President of the African Round Table on Sustainable Consumption and Production, Jane Nyakang'o; Head of Division at the Federal Ministry for the Environment of Germany and Board Member of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns, Ulf Jaeckel; as well as by the following lead discussants: the Executive Director of Future Earth, Amy Luers; and the Vice-President for Research, Advocacy and Partnerships of the Federation of Free Workers (representing the workers and trade unions major group), Julius H. Cainglet.

62. An interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of the European Union, Finland, Israel, Turkey, Kenya, Romania, Mexico, Norway, France, Italy, Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark, Estonia, Ireland, Mali, South Africa, Belgium, Malaysia, Poland, Uganda, Thailand, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme, the International Maritime Organization, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, the major groups for children and youth, indigenous peoples, non-governmental organizations, women and business and industry, and the other stakeholders groups for education and academia and financing for development civil society.

Review of implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 15

63. At its 13th meeting, on 13 July, the forum held a review of the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 15 (Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss), chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (South Africa) and moderated by the Assistant Director General for Climate, Biodiversity, Land and Water Development of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, René Castro, who both made statements.

64. The representative of the Statistics Division made a presentation on the statistical data related to Sustainable Development Goal 15.

65. The Director of the Center for Biocomplexity and James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at Princeton University, Simon Levin, delivered a keynote address.

66. Statements were made by the following panellists: the Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, Anne Larigauderie; the Director of the African Women's Network for Community Management of Forests in Cameroon, Cécile Bibiane Ndjebet; environmental economist and professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Waterloo, Canada, Roy Brouwer; and the Secretary-General of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat (Ramsar Convention), Martha Rojas-Urrego; as well as by the following lead discussants: the Executive Director of the Support for Women in Agriculture and Environment in Uganda, Gertrude Kabusimbi Kenyangi; the Director of International Partnerships at The Nature Conservancy, Jill Blockhus; Executive Board member of Plant-for-the-Planet Foundation in Nigeria (representing the children and youth major group), Chiagozie Chima Udeh.

67. An interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Norway, Malaysia, Australia, Israel, Germany, Finland, Czechia, France, Mexico, Italy, Romania, Switzerland, the European Union, the Philippines, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Sweden, the Russian Federation, Jamaica, Indonesia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Benin, Turkey, the Republic of Korea, Senegal, Togo, Kenya, Estonia, Oman, Morocco, China, the State of Palestine and South Africa, the observer for the International Union for Conservation of Nature, and the representatives of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the Standing Committee on Nutrition, the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Environment Programme, the major groups for farmers and women, and the other stakeholders group for volunteers.

Review of implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 17

68. At its 14th meeting, on 13 July, the forum held a review of the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 17 (Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development), chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Tajikistan) and moderated by the Managing Editor in the United States of *Financial Times*, Gillian Tett, who both made statements.

69. Presentations were made by the representative of the Statistics Division on the statistical data related to Sustainable Development Goal 17 and by the Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations and co-facilitator for the outcome of the 2018 Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up, Courtenay Rattray.

70. Statements were made by the following panellists: the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations, Masud Bin Momen; the Special Representative of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development to the United Nations, Robin Ogilvy; the Chair of the Global Solutions Summit, Alfred Watkins, who also moderated part of the interactive discussion; and the Chief Responsible Investment Officer at Aviva Investors, Steven Waygood; as well as by the lead discussant, the Director of Madhyam in New Delhi (representing the other stakeholders group for financing for development civil society), Kavaljit Singh.

71. An interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of France, Belarus, Finland, Ghana, Viet Nam, the Dominican Republic, Turkey, Thailand, Sweden, Morocco, Norway, South Africa, the European Union, Australia, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the major group for indigenous peoples, and the other stakeholders groups for ageing and the Asia-Pacific Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism.

B. Thematic review

72. At its 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th 10th and 11th meetings, from 10 to 12 July 2018, the forum held six panel discussions under sub-item (b), Thematic review, of agenda item 2.

Interactive discussion on transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies: building resilience

73. At its 4th meeting, on 10 July, the forum held an interactive discussion on transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies: building resilience, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines) and

moderated by the Senior Research Fellow on Risk and Resilience at the Overseas Development Institute in the United Kingdom, Emily Wilkinson, who both made statements.

74. Presentations were made by the following panellists: the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Isabelle Durant; the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Populations Fund, Dereje Wordofa; the representative of 100 Resilient Cities, Jeb Brugmann; and the Coordinator of the Institute for Sustainable Development at the University of the West Indies and the University Consortium for Small Island States and the Caribbean Chair for the Sustainable Development Solutions Network of Jamaica, David Smith; as well as by the lead discussants, the Coordinator of Economic and Environmental Activities at the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Vuk Zugic; and the regional focal point of the Asia Disaster Risk Reduction Youth Network (representing the major group for children and youth), Marikris de Guzman.

75. An interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of the European Union, Indonesia, the Philippines, South Africa, Chile, Kenya, Switzerland, Mali, Mauritania, Honduras, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the World Food Programme, United Nations University, the major groups for non-governmental organizations, children and youth and indigenous peoples, and the other stakeholders group for persons with disabilities.

Interactive discussion on advancing science, technology and innovation for Sustainable Development Goals

76. At its 5th meeting, on 10 July, the forum held an interactive discussion on advancing science, technology and innovation for Sustainable Development Goals, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines) and moderated by the Director General for Global Issues at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, Norma Munguía Aldaraca, who made a statement.

77. The Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations, Toshiya Hoshino, and the Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations, Juan Sandoval Mendiolea, as Co-Chairs of the 2018 multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals, presented the summary of the forum.

78. Presentations were also made by the following panellists: the Co-Chair of the Group of Scientists for the Global Sustainable Development Report in Indonesia, Endah Murningtyas; the Deputy Director General and Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis and professor emeritus at the Vienna University of Technology (representing the scientific and technology community major group), Nebojsa Nakicenovic; and the Chief Economist of the World Intellectual Property Organization, Carsten Fink; as well as by the lead discussant, the Principal Research Scientist at the Forestry Research Institute of Ghana, Ernest Foli.

79. An interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists responded to the comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Kenya, the European Union, South Africa, Indonesia, Norway, the Russian Federation, Benin, Belgium, Finland and Turkey, the observer for the Islamic Development Bank Group, and the representatives of the International Telecommunication Union and the International Atomic Energy Agency and of the major groups for women and for children and youth.

Interactive discussion on transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies: perspectives of small island developing States

80. At its 7th meeting, on 11 July, the forum held an interactive discussion on transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies: perspectives of small island developing States, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Belgium) and moderated by the Permanent Representative-designate of Barbados to the United Nations, Henrietta Elizabeth Thompson, who both made statements.

81. Presentations were made by the following panellists: the Minister of Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development of Kiribati, Alexander Teabo; the Head of Renewable Energy/Energy Efficiency Unit of the Caribbean Development Bank, Tessa Williams-Robertson; and the Senior Adviser on Water Sanitation and Environmental Health at the Pan American Health Organization, Adrianus Vlugman; as well as by the lead discussants: the Deputy Director for Water and Sanitation of the Pacific Community, Rhonda Robinson; and the Executive Director of Alianza ONG (representing the other stakeholders group for volunteers), Addys Claribel Then Marte.

82. A statement was also made by the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States.

83. An interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Ireland, the European Union, Norway, Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Mauritius, Singapore, Belize, Maldives (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the major groups for non-governmental organizations, children and youth and women, and the following other stakeholder groups: the financing for development civil society group and the persons with disabilities stakeholder group.

Interactive discussion on transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies: perspectives of the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and middle-income countries

84. At its 8th meeting, on 11 July, the forum held an interactive discussion on transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies: perspectives of the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and middle-income countries, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Belgium) and moderated by the Senior Research Professional at the Centre for Poverty Analysis in Sri Lanka, Karin Fernando, who both made statements.

85. Presentations were made by the following panellists: the State Minister for Environmental Sustainability at the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Resources of Ethiopia, Kaba Urgessa; the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States; the Director of Monitoring and Evaluation of Public Policy at the National Planning Department of Colombia, Felipe Castro Pachón; and the Senior Policy Specialist of Cities Alliance in Belgium, Maruxa Cardama; as well as by the lead discussant, the President of the African Disability Forum (representing the other stakeholders group for persons with disabilities), Idriss Maïga Alzouma.

86. An interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Bangladesh (on behalf of the Group of Least Developed Countries), the Philippines, Indonesia, Qatar, El Salvador, Nepal, the European Union, Belarus, Oman, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Paraguay (on behalf of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries), the major

groups for non-governmental organizations, indigenous peoples and women, and the other stakeholders group for the Asia-Pacific Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism.

Interactive discussion on implementing the Sustainable Development Goals: lessons from the regions

87. At its 10th meeting, on 12 July, the forum held an interactive discussion on implementing the Sustainable Development Goals: lessons from the regions, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (South Africa), who made a statement.

88. Presentations were made by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, Vera Songwe; the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, Mohamed Ali Alhakim; the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe, Olga Algayerova; the Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Kaveh Zahedi; and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Alicia Bárcena, who also moderated the discussion; as well as by the lead discussants, member of the Board and Minister of the Eurasian Economic Commission, Tatyana Valovaya; and Programme Officer of the Cordillera Women's Education Action Research Center (representing the other stakeholder group for the Asia-Pacific Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism), Alma Sinumlag.

89. An interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Belarus, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the State of Palestine, Chile, Sweden, Mexico, Senegal, Togo, Morocco, Mauritania, Georgia, the European Union, Lebanon, Iraq, Viet Nam, Israel, South Africa, Uganda, Lesotho, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, and the major groups for children and youth and workers and trade unions.

Interactive discussion on transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies: perspectives of society

90. At its 11th meeting, on 12 July, the forum held an interactive discussion on transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies: perspectives of society, which was organized with major groups and other stakeholders and chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (South Africa) and moderated by the Programme Director of Policies and Budgets for Equality and Sustainable Development in Gender Equity, Citizenship, Work and Family and Co-Chair of the High-level Political Forum Coordination Mechanism (representing the women major group), Luisa Emilia Reyes Zuñiga, who both made statements.

91. Presentations were made by the following panellists: the Executive Director of Unión de Cooperativas de Mujeres Productoras "Las Brumas" (representing the Sendai stakeholders), Haydee Rodriguez; the Executive Director of the Earth System Governance Project of Lund University in Sweden (representing the scientific and technological community major group), Ruben Zondervan; the representative of the secretariat of the major group for children and youth, Jolly Amatya; as well as by the lead discussants: Coordinator and CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE) Co-Chair of the Reality of Aid Africa Network (representing the other stakeholders group for financing for development civil society), Vitalice Meja; and Mayor of Kitchener, Canada, Berry Vrbanovic (representing the local authorities major group).

92. An interactive dialogue ensued, during which the panellists responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Norway, Mexico, the European Union and France, the major groups for indigenous peoples, non-governmental organizations, women, and workers and trade unions, and the other

stakeholders groups for ageing, persons with disabilities, education and academia, and the Asia-Pacific Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism.

93. A representative of the major group for children and youth also made concluding remarks on behalf of the representative of its secretariat, Jolly Amatya.

C. Voluntary national reviews

94. At its 16th to 24th meetings, from 16 to 18 July 2018, the forum held 46 voluntary national reviews under sub-item (c), Voluntary national reviews, of agenda item 2.

Voluntary national reviews: Ecuador, Kiribati, Lithuania and Mali

95. At the 16th meeting, on 16 July, presentations on the voluntary national reviews by Ecuador, Kiribati, Lithuania and Mali were chaired by the President of the Council.

96. Presentations were made on behalf of Ecuador by the National Secretary of Planning and Development, José Agusto Briones; on behalf of Kiribati by the Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Teuea Toatu, and the representative of non-State actors, Martin Tofinga; on behalf of Lithuania by the Minister of Environment, Kęstutis Navickas; on behalf of Mali by the Permanent Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Mahamane Maiga; the Director of Multilateral Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Modibo Traore; and Head of Department at the Agency for the Environment and Sustainable Development, Drissa Doumbia.

97. A statement was made by the lead discussant, the Minister of the Environment, Climate, Energy and Housing and Vice-Chair of the National Sustainable Development Commission of Finland, Kimmo Tiilikainen.

98. During the ensuing interactive discussion, the presenters responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Austria, Ireland, Norway, Australia, Burkina Faso, Morocco; the major group for workers and trade unions; and the other stakeholders group for Sendai stakeholders.

Voluntary national reviews: Guinea, Greece, Mexico and the United Arab Emirates

99. At the 17th meeting, on 16 July, presentations on the voluntary national reviews by Guinea, Greece, Mexico and the United Arab Emirates were chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Belgium), who made a statement.

100. A presentation was made by the Minister of Planning and Economic Development of Guinea, Kanny Diallo.

101. During the ensuing discussion, the presenter responded to the comment made and question posed by the representative of the other stakeholders group for volunteers.

102. A presentation was made on behalf of Greece by the Associate Minister of Environment and Energy, Socrates Famellos, and a Member of the Parliament and President of the Special Permanent Committee on Environmental Protection, Aikaterini Inglezi.

103. During the ensuing discussion, the presenters responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Armenia, Lebanon, Slovenia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Jordan and the other stakeholders group for persons with disabilities.

104. A presentation was made by the Minister and Chief of Staff of the Office of the President of Mexico, Francisco Guzmán Ortiz.

105. During the ensuing discussion, the presenter responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Canada, Egypt, Norway, Australia, Germany, Colombia and the major groups for women and indigenous peoples.

106. A presentation was made by the Vice-Chair of the National Committee on Sustainable Development Goals and Director General of the Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Authority of the United Arab Emirates, Abdulla Lootah.

107. During the ensuing discussion, the presenter responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Egypt, Bahrain, Slovakia and the major group for non-governmental organizations.

Voluntary national reviews: Benin and Cabo Verde

108. At the 18th (B) meeting, on 16 July, presentations on the voluntary national reviews by Benin and Cabo Verde were chaired by the President of the Council.

109. Presentations were made by the Senior Minister of Planning and Development of Benin, Abdoulaye Bio Tchane, and the Minister of Tourism and Transports and Minister of Maritime Economy of Cabo Verde, José da Silva Gonçalves.

110. A statement was made by the lead discussant, the Speaker of the Parliament of Fiji, Jiko Luveni.

111. During the ensuing discussion, the presenters responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Norway and the other stakeholders group for financing for development civil society.

Voluntary national reviews: Slovakia, Bahrain, Colombia and Viet Nam

112. Also at the 18th (B) meeting, presentations on the voluntary national reviews by Slovakia, Bahrain, Colombia and Viet Nam were chaired by the President of the Council.

113. A presentation was made on behalf of Slovakia by the Deputy Prime Minister for Investments and Informatization, Richard Raši; a student and event manager at Eduma, Daniel Bunda; the founder of the Institute for Circular Economy, Ivana Maleš; and the Rector of the St. Elizabeth University of Health Care and Social Work, Vladimír Krčméry.

114. During the ensuing discussion, the Deputy Prime Minister for Investments and Informatization responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Greece, Kenya, Indonesia, Singapore and the major group for non-governmental organizations.

115. A presentation was made by the Minister of Cabinet Affairs and Head of the National Information Committee of Bahrain, Mohammed Bin Ibrahim Al Mutawa.

116. During the ensuing discussion, the presenter responded to the comment made and question posed by the representative of the major group for non-governmental organizations.

117. A presentation was made by the Minister of National Planning of Colombia, Luis Fernando Mejía Alzate.

118. During the ensuing discussion, the presenter responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Germany, Denmark, Singapore, Norway and the major group for indigenous peoples.

119. A presentation was made by the Vice-Minister of Planning and Investment of Viet Nam, Nguyen The Phuong.

120. During the ensuing discussion, the presenter responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Singapore, Australia and the major group for non-governmental organizations.

Voluntary national reviews: Albania, Latvia, Niger and Sudan

121. At the 19th (A) meeting, held in parallel to the 19th (B) meeting of the forum, on 17 July, presentations on the voluntary national reviews by Albania, Latvia, the Niger and the Sudan were chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Tajikistan), who made a statement.

122. Presentations were made on behalf of Albania by the Deputy Prime Minister of Albania, Senida Mesi; on behalf of Latvia by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Economics, Arvils Ašeradens; on behalf of the Niger by the Minister of Planning, Aïchatou Boulama Kané, and the Director of Statistics and Demographic and Social Studies, Kamil Halimatou Garba; on behalf of the Sudan by the Minister of Urban Planning of Khartoum State, Gamal Mahmoud Hamid; the Secretary-General of the National Population Council and focal point for Sustainable Development Goals, Limia Abdelgafar Khalfalla; the civil society representative, Nasreldin Ibrahim Shulgami; and Member of the Committee on Financial, Economic and Investment Affairs in the National Assembly, Ahmed Magzoub Ahmed Ali.

123. A statement was made by the lead discussant, the Counsellor of State and Head of the Department for Sustainable Development of Romania, László Borbély.

124. During the ensuing discussion, the presenters responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Norway, Sweden, Jamaica, Estonia, Mali, Serbia, the major groups for women and non-governmental organizations and the other stakeholders group for persons with disabilities.

Voluntary national reviews: Bhutan and Togo

125. At the 19th (B) meeting, on 17 July, presentations on the voluntary national reviews by Bhutan and Togo were chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Belgium), who made a statement.

126. Presentations were made by the Prime Minister of Togo, Komi Sélom Klassou, and by the Minister of Finance of Bhutan, Lyonpo Namgay Dorji, and the Secretary of the Gross National Happiness Commission of Bhutan, Thinley Namgyel.

127. A statement was made by the lead discussant, the Secretary of Planning and Programming of the Office of the President of Guatemala, Miguel Angel Moir.

128. During the ensuing discussion, the presenters responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of India, Singapore, Thailand, Nepal and the major groups for women and non-governmental organizations.

Voluntary national reviews: Australia, Sri Lanka, Switzerland and Uruguay

129. At the 19th (B) meeting, on 17 July, presentations on the voluntary national reviews by Australia, Sri Lanka, Switzerland and Uruguay were chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Belgium).

130. A presentation was made by the Director of the Office of Planning and Budgeting of Uruguay, Álvaro García.

131. During the ensuing discussion, the presenters responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Brazil, Argentina, Germany and the major group for workers and trade unions.

132. A presentation was made by the Minister Delegate of the Minister of Sustainable Development, Wildlife and Regional Development of Sri Lanka, Sandith Samarasinghe.

133. During the ensuing discussion, the presenter responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Australia and Nepal.

134. A presentation was made on behalf of Switzerland by the Minister of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications, Doris Leuthard, and a representative of the National Youth Council, Sophie Neuhaus.

135. During the ensuing discussion, the Minister of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications responded to the comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Germany, the major group for non-governmental organizations and the other stakeholders group for persons with disabilities.

136. A presentation was made on behalf of Australia by the Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Gillian Bird; the Co-Chair of the Global Indigenous Youth Caucus, Duane Fraser; and the co-founder of the Intrepid Travel Group, Darrell Wade.

137. During the ensuing discussion, the presenters responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Canada, Indonesia, Mexico, Switzerland and the major group for non-governmental organizations.

Voluntary national reviews: Armenia, Ireland, Jamaica, Namibia and the State of Palestine

138. At the 20th meeting, on 17 July, presentations on the voluntary national reviews by Armenia, Ireland, Namibia, Jamaica and the State of Palestine were chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Tajikistan).

139. A presentation was made by the First Deputy Prime Minister of Armenia, Ararat Mirzoyan.

140. During the ensuing discussion, the presenter responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Greece, Azerbaijan, Lebanon and the major group for women.

141. A presentation was made on behalf of Ireland by the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Denis Naughten, and youth delegates Lauren Flanagan and Paul Dockery.

142. During the ensuing discussion, the presenters responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Lithuania, the Niger and the major group for children and youth.

143. A presentation was made by the Minister of Economic Planning and Director General of the National Planning Commission of Namibia, Obeth Kandjoze.

144. During the ensuing discussion, the presenter responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Lesotho and the other stakeholders group for persons with disabilities.

145. A presentation was made on behalf of Jamaica by the Minister of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Pearnel Charles, Jr.; the Director General of the Planning Institute of Jamaica, Wayne Henry; and the Deputy Director General of the Statistical Institute, Leesha Delatie-Budair.

146. During the ensuing discussion, the presenters responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Italy, Greece, Norway, Liberia, Singapore, Denmark, Austria, the major group for women and the other stakeholders group for Sendai stakeholders.

147. A presentation was made by the Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations, Riyad Mansour.

148. During the ensuing discussion, the presenter responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Israel, South Africa, the United States, Egypt and the other stakeholders group for education and academia.

Voluntary national reviews: Andorra, Canada, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Lao People's Democratic Republic and Senegal

149. At the 21st meeting, on 17 July, presentations on the voluntary national reviews by Andorra, Canada, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Senegal were chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines), who made a statement.

150. A presentation was made on behalf of Andorra by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Maria Ubach Font; the Minister of the Environment, Agriculture andSustainability, Silvia Calvó Armengol; and the President of the Andorran Mountaineering Federation, Jaume Esteve.

151. During the ensuing discussion, the presenters responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Rwanda and the other stakeholder group for ageing.

152. A presentation was made on behalf of Canada by the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, Jean-Yves Duclos, and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Development, Celina Caesar-Chavannes.

153. During the ensuing discussion, the presenters responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Bangladesh, the Dominican Republic, France, Fiji and the major groups for children and youth and non-governmental organizations.

154. A presentation was made by the Minister of Economy, Planning and Development of the Dominican Republic, Isidoro Santana.

155. During the ensuing discussion, the presenter responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Guatemala, Panama, the European Union and the major group for non-governmental organizations.

156. A presentation was made by the Minister for Planning, Monitoring and Administrative Reform of Egypt, Hala El Said.

157. During the ensuing discussion, the presenter, together with the Minister of Investment and International Cooperation of Egypt, Sahar Nasr, and the Minister of Environment of Egypt, Yasmine Fouad, responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Singapore, the United Arab Emirates, Mexico, the State of Palestine, Canada and the major group for children and youth.

158. A presentation was made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Saleumxay Kommasith.

159. During the ensuing discussion, the presenter responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Thailand, Myanmar, Viet Nam, Singapore, Canada and the major group for non-governmental organizations.

160. A presentation was made by the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Senegal, Mame Thierno Dieng.

161. During the ensuing discussion, the presenter responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Guinea and the major group for workers and trade unions.

Voluntary national reviews: Bahamas, Hungary, Lebanon, Malta and Romania

162. At the 22nd meeting, on 18 July, presentations on the voluntary national reviews by the Bahamas, Hungary, Lebanon, Malta and Romania were chaired by the Vice President of the Council (Tajikistan), who made a statement.

163. A presentation was made by the Prime Minister of the Bahamas, Hubert Alexander Minnis.

164. During the ensuing discussion, the civil society representative of the Bahamas, Matt Aubrey, and the Director of Economic Development and Planning at the Office of the Prime Minister of Bahamas, Nicola Virgill-Rolle, responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Jamaica and Singapore and the major group for non-governmental organizations.

165. A presentation was made on behalf of Romania by the Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of the Environment, Grațiela Leocadia Gavrilescu; Head of Office of the Ministry of Environment, Luminița Ghiță; the Head of the Department for Sustainable Development, László Borbély; and the representative of non-governmental organizations, Monica Prisăcariu.

166. During the ensuing discussion, the presenters responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Spain, Greece and the major group for children and youth.

167. A presentation was made by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Health of Lebanon, Ghassan Hasbani.

168. During the ensuing discussion, a Member of Parliament of Lebanon, Dima Jamali, the Adviser for Economic Affairs to the Prime Minister of Lebanon, Hazar Caracalla, the Director General of the Ministry of Education of Lebanon, Fadi Yarak, and the representative of civil society organizations, Rita Rhayem, responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Hungary, Armenia, Norway and the other stakeholders group for persons with disabilities.

169. A presentation was made by the Minister for Innovation and Technology of Hungary, László Palkovics.

170. During the ensuing discussion, the presenter responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Lebanon, Singapore, Poland, Malta, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone and the major group for children and youth.

171. A presentation was made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Malta, Carmelo Abela.

172. During the ensuing discussion, the presenter responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Poland, Hungary, Liberia and the other stakeholders group for persons with disabilities.

Voluntary national reviews: Poland, Saudi Arabia, Singapore and Spain

173. At the 23rd meeting, on 18 July, presentations on the voluntary national reviews by Poland, Saudi Arabia, Singapore and Spain were chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines).

174. A presentation was made on behalf of Poland by the Minister of Entrepreneurship and Technology, Jadwiga Emilewicz; the Vice-President of the Azoty Group, Stefan Józefowicz; and the National Representative of the United Nations Global Compact initiative in Poland, Kamil Wyszkowski.

175. During the ensuing discussion, the main presenter responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Malta, Hungary, Ethiopia, Belarus and the major groups for women and children and youth.

176. A presentation was made on behalf of Singapore by the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, Masagos Zulkifli; the Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources, Albert Chua; the Executive Director of the Singapore Environment Council, Jen Teo; and a representative of the National Youth Council, Veerappan Swaminathan.

177. During the ensuing discussion, the main presenter responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Bhutan, Egypt, Colombia, Thailand, Slovakia, Viet Nam, Jamaica, Sierra Leone and the other stakeholders group for ageing.

178. A presentation was made on behalf of Spain by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the European Union and Cooperation, Josep Borrell Fontelles; the Minister of Ecological Transition, Teresa Ribera; and the High Commissioner for the 2030 Agenda, Cristina Gallach.

179. During the ensuing discussion, the presenters responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Romania, Mexico, Colombia and the major groups for non-governmental organizations and women.

180. A presentation was made on behalf of Saudi Arabia by the Vice-Minister of Economy and Planning, Faisal Al Ibrahim; the Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Abdallah Al-Mouallimi; the Vice-Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of SABIC, Yousef Al Benyan; and the Director General of the King Khalid Foundation, Banderi Al Saud.

181. During the ensuing discussion, the presenters responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of the United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Bahrain and Malaysia.

Voluntary national reviews: Paraguay and Qatar

182. At the 24th meeting, on 18 July, presentations on the voluntary national reviews by Paraguay and Qatar were chaired by the Vice President of the Council (South Africa).

183. A presentation was made by the Vice-President of Paraguay, Alicia Beatriz Pucheta de Correa.

184. During the ensuing discussion, the presenter responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Uruguay and the major group for indigenous peoples.

185. A presentation was made by the Minister of Development Planning and Statistics of Qatar, Saleh bin Muhammed Al Nabit.

186. During the ensuing discussion, the presenter responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of Guinea and the major group for children and youth.

D. General debate

187. The forum held its general debate from 16 to 19 July, within the framework of the ministerial meeting of the forum during the high-level segment of the 2018 session of the Council.[5]

188. The general debate heard 158 statements, composed of 131 statements by representatives of States and the European Union (including 14 statements on behalf of groups of States), 13 statements by observers for intergovernmental organizations and representatives of specialized agencies and other entities of the United Nations system, and 14 statements by representatives of non-governmental organizations, major groups and other stakeholders.

IV. Organizational and other matters

A. Agenda

189. At its 1st meeting, on 9 July, the forum adopted its provisional agenda (E/HLPF/2018/1):

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies:[6]
   (a) Review of Sustainable Development Goals 6, 7, 11, 12, 15 and 17;
   (b) Thematic review;
   (c) Voluntary national reviews.
3. Adoption of the ministerial declaration.
4. Adoption of the report.

B. Attendance

190. The forum was attended by representatives of 161 States Members of the United Nations and States members of specialized agencies. Accredited observers for intergovernmental organizations, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and accredited observers for non-governmental and other organizations also attended. The list of participants is contained in document E/HLPF/2018/INF/1.

[5] An account of the proceedings of the general debate is contained in the report of the Economic and Social Council on its 2018 session (A/73/3) and in the relevant summary records (E/2018/SR.45, E/2018/SR.46, E/2018/SR.47, E/2018/SR.48 and E/2018/SR.49).

[6] General Assembly resolution 70/299.

C. Documentation

191. The documents before the forum are listed in the annex to the present report. The informal papers considered by the forum are available on the website of the forum (https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2018).

Annex

Documentation

Symbol	*Title or description*
A/73/81–E/2018/59	Report of the Secretary-General on the mainstreaming of the three dimensions of sustainable development throughout the United Nations system
A/73/86–E/23018/68	Summary by the President of the Economic and Social Council of the forum on financing for development follow-up, including the special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (New York, 23–26 April 2018)
E/2018/60	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the progress report on the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns
E/2018/61	Report of the Secretary-General entitled "From global to local: supporting sustainable and resilient societies in urban and rural communities"
E/2018/64	Report of the Secretary-General on progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals
E/2018/66	Report of the Secretary-General on harnessing new technologies to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals
E/2018/73	Note by the Secretariat on the summary of the sixth biennial high-level meeting of the Development Cooperation Forum
E/FFDF/2018/3	Report of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up
E/HLPF/2018/1	Provisional agenda and documentation
E/HLPF/2018/2	Note by the Secretariat on the reports of the regional forums on sustainable development
E/HLPF/2018/2/Add.1	Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report of the regional forum on sustainable development for the Economic Commission for Europe region on its second session
E/HLPF/2018/2/Add.2	Note by the Secretariat transmitting the input from the Fifth Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development
E/HLPF/2018/2/Add.3	Note by the Secretariat transmitting the input from the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
E/HLPF/2018/2/Add.4	Note by the Secretariat transmitting the input from the fourth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development
E/HLPF/2018/2/Add.5	Note by the Secretariat transmitting the input from the 2018 edition of the Arab Forum for Sustainable Development

Symbol	*Title or description*
E/HLPF/2018/3	Discussion papers on the theme of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, submitted by major groups and other stakeholders
E/HLPF/2018/4	Note by the Secretariat on the synthesis of voluntary submissions by functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and other intergovernmental bodies
E/HLPF/2018/5	Note by the Secretariat transmitting the compilation of main messages for the 2018 voluntary national reviews
E/HLPF/2018/6	Note by the Secretariat transmitting the Co-Chairs' summary of the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals
E/HLS/2018/1	Ministerial declaration of the 2018 high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, on the theme "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies"
E/HLPF/2018/L.1	Draft report
E/2018/L.20– E/HLPF/2018/L.2	Draft ministerial declaration of the 2018 high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, on the theme "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies"
E/HLPF/2018/L.3	Amendments to the draft ministerial declaration of the 2018 high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, on the theme "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies"
E/HLPF/2018/INF/1	List of participants